



QUEER WORK OF RUSSIANS

Resources to Pay War Expenses are Padded.

SENSATION PRODUCED

Confidence of Powers in Financial Stability of Russia is Weakened.

CONSTITUTIONALISTS REJOICE

Exposure of Trick by the Russian Finance Minister—Act Compared to Methods of Mushroom South American Republics.

ST. PETERSBURG, July 6.—While the action of the lower house of parliament today in appropriating \$750,000 to be dispensed by the administration for famine relief, was epochal as the first recognition of the cabinet by parliament, and the first step in the joint work, its importance was far overshadowed by the revelation of an alleged admission made by the minister of finance, Kokovsov, in the budget of the commission, about the padding of estimates for the liquidation of the war expenses, in order to be able to extract a larger loan from foreign markets. These developments made an immense sensation and were eagerly discussed in the corridors of the Chamber where it was declared that if the statements of the commissioners were true, it placed Russian financial methods on a par with those of the mushroom South American republics and would undermine the confidence of foreign financiers in the old guard now managing Russian finances, and immensely complicate future credit operations.

All this naturally is fish for the net of the constitutional democrats, who see in the revelations, the brightest prospect for forcing a transfer of the administration to a responsible cabinet.

Rojestvensky Courtmartial.

KRONSTADT, July 6.—In the court-martial proceedings of Admiral Rojestvensky for the surrendering of the Bedovi in the battle of the Sea of Japan, surgeons of the Bedovi testified today that Rojestvensky owing to wounds, was partly out of his head, irresponsible and incapable of passing orders to surrender. Lieutenant Voren testified relative to the white flag incident saying that he was ordered by Captain DeColongue, chief of Admiral Rojestvensky's staff, to procure the sheet to be used in case of the appearance of a Japanese ship, but that when he came on deck with it, Captain Calamatieff indignantly threw it into the sea.

EXAMINING THAW.

Eminent Alienist Spends Entire Day With Murder of Architect White.

NEW YORK, July 6.—Dr. Allen McLane Hamilton, the alienist, retained in defense of Thaw spent nearly two hours with his prisoner today. He would say nothing regarding the results of his examination. Judge Olcott, counsel for the defense of the Thaw case stated that he wished to deny absolutely the statement of White's chauffeur, Burns, that Mrs. Thaw had used White's automobile since her marriage to Thaw. Assistant District Attorney Garvan said that although he had examined Burns in connection with the tragedy he had never heard of Mrs. Thaw riding in White's automobile until today.

DIES OF HEART TROUBLE.

Widow of General Thomas Meagher Dies at Her Home in New York State.

NEW YORK, July 6.—Mrs. Elizabeth M. J. Meagher, widow of General Thos. F. Meagher, who was a member of the famous Irish Brigade in the Civil War, died at her home in Rye, Westchester County, of heart disease. She was born in Southfield, Orange County, N. Y., in 1830, and was a daughter of Peter Townsend. Mrs. Meagher's great grandfather made the chain that was stretched across the Hudson during the Revolution to prevent the British from ascending the river above West Point; her grandfather was the first man in the country to make steel rails.

Mrs. Meagher met her husband in this city while he, an exile from Ireland, because of his connection with the patriotic league there, was becoming famous for his oratory. Mrs. Meagher attended her husband before the Civil War and was with him at the first battle of Bull Run. She succeeded in nursing him back to health when he was given up for dead after the battle. When he was made territorial secretary of Montana after the war, she went with him. One evening he was drowned mysteriously while crossing the Little Missouri river at Fort Benton. Mrs. Meagher had divers hunt for his body but never found it.

FOR RECIPROCITY

New Zealand Premier Confers With Roosevelt.

TALKS REDUCTION IN TARIFF

Sir Joseph Ward Proposes That Both the United States and New Zealand Reduce Tariff On Imports.

OYSTER BAY, July 6.—Following the luncheon with the President today, Sir Joseph Ward, premier of New Zealand, practically admitted that the question of reciprocity between the United States and New Zealand had been discussed, with the President. The premier said his country was ready to make a universal 10 per cent reduction in her tariff to the United States in return for a like concession and is prepared to make such a treaty binding without the action of parliament. If a universal reduction is too broad New Zealand will be satisfied with a reduction in certain articles such as pine lumber of certain grades, canned salmon, and many kinds of manufactured goods, and in return would ask a reduction on wool entering this country and gums used in the manufacture of varnish and other products of New Zealand.

HEARST NO CANDIDATE.

Says That He Is Not a Candidate For Democratic Presidential Nomination.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 6.—Congressman William R. Hearst said tonight: "I would like to state very positively that I am not a candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination in 1908. "Mr. Bryan said the other day in London that there were others beside himself, who had claims on the nomination and mentioned Mr. Folk, Mr. Bailey and myself.

"While appreciating the compliment, I must decline to be considered a candidate. Let the list stand, if Mr. Bryan pleases, Bryan or Folk or Bailey. For my part I would substitute Stevenson for Bailey."

BIG FORECLOSURE SUIT.

HILLSBORO, Ore., July 6.—The largest foreclosure suit on record in this county is that just filed in the Circuit Court by J. W. Shute, banker, as agent against Rachel L. Hawthorne, of Portland, for \$35,000 and interest and \$2500 attorney fee. The mortgage covers one of the finest farms in Washington County, lying a few miles east of here.

THINKS HE SEES PLOT

Hidden Purpose in Taggart's Hotel Suits

DECLARED BY MILLER

Started Secretly in Justice Court After Dark, Hurried to Appeal.

FEATURES OF CASE PECULIAR

Attorney-General of Indiana Says the Conduct of Suits Was "Queer" —In Circuit Court Cooped up as Defense.

PAOLI, Ind., July 6.—Charles Miller, attorney-general of Indiana, who is personally conducting the litigation on behalf of the state against the French Lick Springs and West Baden Hotel Companies, in discussing the statements made by Thomas Taggart, to the effect that the Casinos were not a part of the hotel properties, but were under lease to third parties, and that suits were pending to cancel these leases because the hotel companies had learned that gambling was being conducted at the Casinos said today:

"There are some peculiar features about these two 'pending' suits to cancel the leases. Why were they brought in the Justice of the Peace Court at 7 o'clock at night and tried with great effort at secrecy and then as quietly appealed to the Circuit Court, where they have remained cooped up and unknown.

"They were brought to meet just such a contingency as this, to be dragged up and used as a 'defense' when needed. The leases were made March 19, the suits were brought April 11, the hearing was at night—a most unusual procedure—and the appeal from the finding of the local Justice to the Circuit Court was made June 15, and all was so quietly done that few seemed to know that any such action had ever been instituted.

"But the state is under obligations to the hotel companies for those official records, for in their complaints they have set up ownership to the property and base their petition on the ground that the people operating the Casinos have been using them for gambling purposes. Here we have the admission of gambling. In all other respects the suits for possession are jokes—as I characterized them in the court yesterday."

TRANSPORT ON REEF.

Government Transport Thomas Strikes Reef Near Guam—May Be Lost.

MANILA, July 6.—The transport Thomas is reported ashore on a coral reef near the Island of Guam. General Wood has asked the Secretary of War for authority to send the transport Meade to take off the passengers and cargo. The position of the Thomas is favorable so long as good weather prevails. The Thomas is reported to have run on the reef a distance of one hundred feet and efforts to dislodge her thus far are futile. All on board the Thomas are safe. She carried no troops.

BEGIN CUSTOMS WAR.

VIENNA, July 6.—Serbia, having declined to make concessions in the matter of Austrian imports, the Government of Austria-Hungary today closed the frontier against Serbian cattle and ordered the enforcement of the autonomous customs tariff on other imports of that country.

PUTER GETS TWO YEARS AND FINE

PORTLAND, July 6.—S. A. D. Puter found guilty of conspiracy to defraud the government of its public lands, was today sentenced by Judge Wolverton to two years in the Multnomah county jail and to pay a fine of \$7500. Puter was visibly affected when the sentence was pronounced.

YESTERDAY'S BASEBALL SCORES.

Northwest League.
At Spokane—Butte 4, Spokane 5.
Pacific Coast League.
At Oakland—San Francisco 2, Oakland 5.
At Seattle—Seattle 5, Portland 3.
At Los Angeles—Los Angeles 2, Fresno 10.

SCIENTIST GETS SLUGGED.

EUREKA, Cal., July 6.—Dr. F. Omori, professor of seismology at the Imperial University of Tokio here to investigate the recent disturbances in Humboldt county was assaulted on the street tonight by an unknown person, who mistook the scientist for a non-union sailor.

PAY THEIR LOSSES

Insurance Companies Will Pay Immense Amount.

MORE THAN \$100,000,000

Taking Settlements Thus Far Made As Basis, Over One Hundred Million Will Be Paid to the Fire Losers in Frisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 6.—The Call says today:

One hundred and sixty-six settlements that have been made by fire insurance companies indicate that in the business section of San Francisco more than \$100,000,000 will be paid in coin to fire losers on the face of the adjustments made on losses that have already come before committees. The average adjusted loss in the 166 instances mentioned is \$84,325, the total payments being \$14,000,000. The sound value of 166 properties is given at \$19,000,000 by the adjusters. Consequently the reduction for earthquake damage and for all other causes in the adjustments is \$5,000,000. These figures are supplied by an entirely competent authority. The large sum of \$100,000,000 for pending and effected settlements is an estimate upon the averages already noted.

The loss committees appointed up to date number 1221. The \$100,000,000 is based upon the multiplication of the average of \$84,325 by 1221.

APPOINTED ON COMMISSION.

BOSTON, July 6.—Miss Helen Keller of Wrentham, the deaf, dumb, and blind girl, will be a member of the new commission for the industrial education of the blind, which has long been advocated by her and which recently was created by the Legislature. Governor Guild yesterday announced the appointment of five members to make up this commission. Miss Keller's term will be four years.

REFUNDS LICENSE MONEY.

McMINNVILLE, Ore., July 6.—At its regularly monthly meeting, Wednesday evening, the City Council refunded \$1032.27 to the saloon men that were forced out of business in this city by the last vote, as follows: Wills & Feeley, \$300; Du Bois, \$283.34; Sauter, \$274.47; White, \$130; Schilling, \$43.35; and McCourt, \$111.

An order authorizing any business firm on Third street to connect a drinking fountain with the mains of the new water system was also made.

HAYWOOD IS NOMINATED

Colorado Socialists Name Miner for Governor.

BOLD WORDS UTTERED

Socialists Declare They Will Invade Idaho If Necessary to Release Him.

CHARACTER IS EULOGIZED

Socialists Nominate Western Federation of Miners Leader to be Candidate For Governor at the Next Election.

DENVER, July 6.—It just transpires that the Socialist party of Colorado held a convention in this city on the fourth of July and nominated a full state ticket headed by William D. Haywood, secretary, and treasurer of the Western Federation of Miners, now in prison in Idaho, for Governor. In placing Haywood in nomination, John M. Martin of Denver eulogized his efforts in behalf of the laboring classes and the man "whose personal integrity was without stain."

Martin declared the working classes of Colorado would rally to Haywood and that he would be elected. Concluding he said:

"And if they refuse to release him we may feel impelled to march to Idaho and take our chief executive by force, if necessary, out of the teeth of the dogs of capitalism and carry him in triumph to our state house."

OUSTED MAYOR FINED.

TOPEKA, Kan., July 6.—The State Supreme Court today handed down a decision holding Mayor Rose of Kansas City, in contempt for having assumed the office of Mayor after the court had ousted him from the non-enforcement of the Prohibition law and the law against gambling. In the order today, Mayor Rose is ordered to relinquish the office and is fined \$1000 for contempt. The court further orders, if Mayor Rose fails to pay the fine within 20 days, he shall be committed to jail until such time as it is paid. Mayor Rose's attorneys immediately filed a writ of error. If this is not granted, the case will be appealed to the United States Supreme Court. After being ousted last January, Rose was re-elected at a special election.

PRODUCT WHOLESOME.

Investigation of Chicago Packing Houses Shows Clean Conditions.

CHICAGO, July 6.—The report of the joint committee of the Chicago Commercial Association and the Illinois Manufacturers' Association, appointed to investigate the packing industries of Chicago was made public today. Briefly summarized the report is this: "That a board of experts of the character employed, with professional ideals and guided and influenced by an 'Aesthetic sense' which embodies something of necessity and something more of 'Luxury' should find the product 'Wholesome'; the yards 'Generally clean', and the inspection 'Efficient'; seems to your committee to cover the situation."

STRENUOUS EXPERIENCE.

BOSTON, July 6.—James K. Allen, who made a balloon ascension at Providence on July 4th, and who was blown into the sea, was rescued eighteen and one-half hours after leaving Providence. A passing schooner rescued the aeronaut and his balloon from the sea.

ISSUES INJUNCTIONS.

DENVER, July 6.—The Supreme Court today issued injunctions against district Judge Mullins preventing him from removing officials, who would serve in summoning and advising a grand jury. Mullins construed this ruling as applying to the honest elections league's application for a grand jury and intimated that he would tomorrow on his own account start new proceedings.

DENVER ELECTION FRAUD CASE DROPPED

If Honest Elections League Cannot Have Its Way, It Won't Prosecute.

DENVER, July 6.—Attorneys for the League for Honest Elections today asked leave to withdraw their petition in the Criminal Court for a grand jury to investigate alleged frauds in the vote on franchises at the city election, May 15. They made a formal statement setting forth their reasons, the purport of which was that they wanted to have a jury drawn by elisors and the investigation conducted by special prosecutors, and that as the Supreme Court had forbidden District Judge John L. Mullins, sitting in the Criminal Court, to oust District Attorney Stidger and Sheriff Nisbet, they had decided to drop the matter. The court took the request under advisement and probably will announce its decision tomorrow.

SOLUTION IS SIMPLE

Regulation of Trusts Easy Matter in New Zealand.

SAYS PREMIER J. G. WARD

New Zealand Has Solved Regulation of Trusts—Has Largest Per Capita of Wealth in World and Lowest Taxation in Proportion.

NEW YORK, July 6.—Sir Joseph G. Wadd, premier of New Zealand, who with his wife and daughter is on his way home from Europe, was asked yesterday in course of an extended interview, what action would be taken in New Zealand if an ice company increased the price of the commodity to consumers to obtain more than a reasonable profit? he said:

"The solution of that problem is simple. If any man or company should buy up all the ice plants, control the supply of ice on hand and then push up the price to consumers, we would immediately build ice plants and give the people all the ice they wanted at a small price, and a fair profit. We had a similar condition arise at home in the coal industry, and we put it down quickly."

When the question of government regulation of railroads was suggested, Sir Joseph said that regulation to control railroads and other great aggregations of wealth which oppressed the masses would have to be drastic to be effective. He suggested as a remedy extensive publicity obtained by an imperial and honest system of investigation. Concerning the operation of railroads in New Zealand the Premier said:

"We have the largest per capita of wealth in New Zealand and we have proportionately the lowest rate of taxation. We have the cheapest public utilities and probably the most efficient. Our railroads haul people cheaper than any other in the world and nowhere are railroads operated more economically. Whenever we find that a public utility is earning more than 3 1/2 per cent, we reduce the charges to the public."

Sir Joseph made a plea for closer commercial relations between the United States and this country, saying:

"I can speak with the responsibility of a minister from my country when I say we are quite prepared to enter upon a commercial treaty with the United States to let you have our wool, of which we have a surplus, and to take American products in exchange.

"I would be ready to discuss such a proposition with gentlemen in responsible positions in this country even before I go back to New Zealand."